

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2827

To amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005  
to provide for a coupon program for television antennas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety  
Act of 2005 to provide for a coupon program for  
television antennas.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “DTV Transition As-  
5       sistance Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CON-**  
7       **VERTER BOX PROGRAM.**

8       Section 3005 of the Digital Television Transition and  
9       Public Safety Act of 2005 is amended—

10               (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
2 paragraph (3);

3 (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon  
4 in paragraph (1); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
6 following:

7 “(2) implement and administer a program  
8 through which households in the United States may  
9 obtain coupons that can be applied toward the pur-  
10 chase of a television antenna; and”;

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) in the heading for paragraph (1), by  
13 striking “LIMITATIONS” and inserting “LIMITA-  
14 TIONS ON CONVERTER BOX COUPON PROGRAM”;  
15 and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(5) LIMITATIONS ON TELEVISION ANTENNA  
18 COUPON PROGRAM.—

19 “(A) ONE-PER-HOUSEHOLD MAXIMUM.—A  
20 household may obtain a coupon by making a re-  
21 quest as required by the Assistant Secretary  
22 under this section between June 13, 2009, and  
23 September 15, 2009, inclusive. The Assistant  
24 Secretary shall ensure that each requesting  
25 household receives, by first class mail via the

1 United States Postal Service, no more than one  
2 coupon.

3 “(B) DURATION.—All coupons shall expire  
4 on September 30, 2009.

5 “(C) FUNDING.—The Assistant Secretary  
6 shall expend only funds made available from ex-  
7 pired digital-to-analog converter box coupons.”.

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